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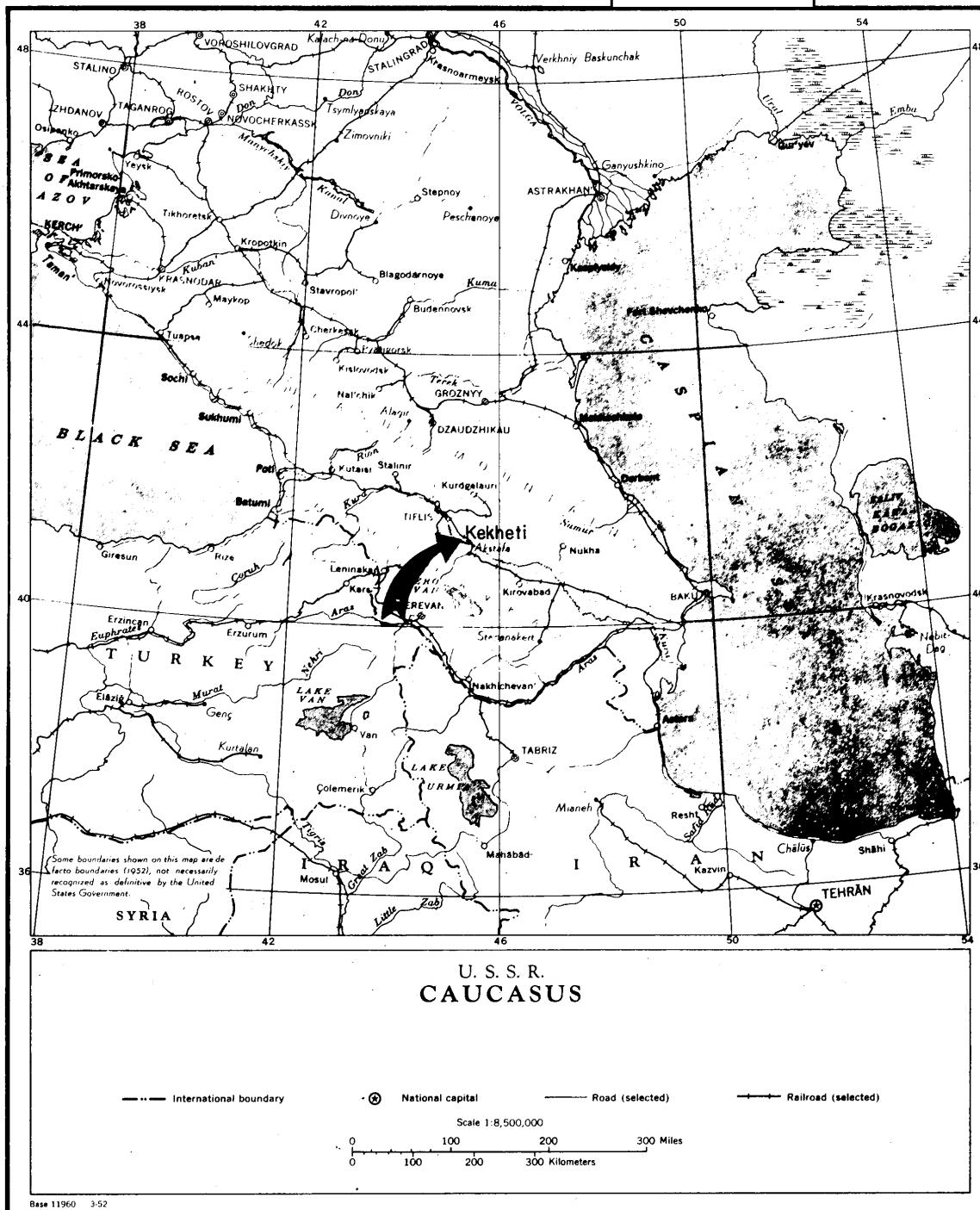
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Kekheti was made in Report No. [REDACTED] October 1957; however, additional photo coverage over this area has made a more detailed analysis possible. A map of Kekheti has been compiled using 1942 photography as a base, with revisions made from the 1957 photography.

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KEKHETI AMMUNITION STORAGE FACILITY

Kekheti is the site of a military ammunition-storage facility situated just north of the main communications lines extending between Tbilisi and Baku. The town of Kekheti appears to be hardly more than a railroad station.

This major storage facility, located approximately 40 miles southeast of Tbilisi, is situated in the Kura River valley and encompasses an area approximately 335 by 420 yards. The storage facility can be divided into two main areas, the ammunition-storage area and the support area.

The support area, which is located just north of the Tbilisi-Baku electrified rail line, is surrounded by a single security fence. A rail spur curves north from the main line and extends into the support area. A probable gravel-surfaced highway runs along the southwest side of the area and parallels the railroad. Two all-weather roads connect the support area with the main highway. One connects west of the railroad spur and extends northeast parallel to the spur line. The other connects east of the spur line and extends north to the support area. Except for a few gravel-surfaced roads in a rectangular pattern, all roads in the support area are unimproved. A probable barracks area is located north of the road which parallels the spur line. This area contains five buildings 210 by 50 feet, seven buildings 160 by 65 feet, four buildings 160 by 40 feet, five buildings 130 by 55 feet, and 14 smaller buildings of various sizes. Parade grounds, training grounds, and athletic fields are also visible in the area. Maintenance and storage facilities, located south of the barracks, include the following buildings: one warehouse 360 by 80 feet, one warehouse 240 by 80 feet, 14 probable warehouses 130 by 45 feet,

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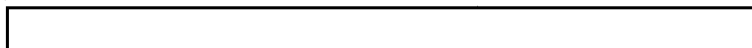
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three buildings 170 by 65 feet, and 30 smaller buildings of various sizes. Numerous crates are stored in the open along the rail spur. A shell-loading plant 1/ reported to be in the support area is not identifiable on the photography. The ammunition-storage area located just east of the support area is surrounded by a double security fence. There are four guard posts located at irregular intervals around the fenced area, which has only two main entrances. An irregularly-shaped gravel surface road network services the storage area and connects to each warehouse. A railroad spur also services the area. Buildings include one large shipping warehouse 660 by 45 feet, 26 storage warehouses 270 by 65 feet, one L-shaped building 300 by 50 feet, and 20 miscellaneous warehouses of various sizes. Although there are low walls around a few warehouses, no high blast walls are visible. An open storage area is located just south of the railroad spur.

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Graphic Supplement

Map of Kekheti ammunition storage facility

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OVERLAY

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GUARD POST

SENTRY TRAIL

DOUBLE FENCE

GUARD
POST

AMMUNITION STORAGE AREA

OPEN
STORAGE

GUARD POST

SENTRY POST

SUPPORT AREA

TRAINING AREA

PROBABLE
BARRACKS

MAINTENANCE
&
SUPPLY

C.R. STATION

SINGLE FENCE

ATHLETIC
FIELD

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AMMUNITION STORAGE FACILITY

KEKHETI, USSR

41° 16' N 45° 22' E

1,000 500 0 1,000 2,000 3,000 FT.

Primary roads Railroads
Secondary roads -x-x- Fence
Trails

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